

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPARTING OF TRAINING TO YOUTH IN ANDAMAN NICOBAR ISLANDS

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether facilities exist for the training of youth (boys and girls) in different fields of Sports and Games in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Directorate of Youth Affairs of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to encourage youths to take part in different competitive sports events both at the State and National Level?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Andaman & Nicobar administration has created playing facilities in the disciplines of Rowing, Canoeing, Kayaking, Cycling, Football and Weightlifting. The above infrastructure facilities were provided to the Sports Authority of India for running a Special Area Games Centre. The Special Area Games Centre in the above discipline is now functional. Apart from the playing facilities, A&N Administration has also provided 150-bedded hostel at Port Blair and 50-bedded at Car Nicobar. These facilities are used to accommodate Special Area Game Centre trainees.

Sports Authority of India conducts every year talent search in the remote parts in collaboration with Director of Youth Affairs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and talent so identified is brought to the assessment camp. After final selection of trainees is made, they are admitted in the Special Area Games Centre. The trainees are provided with sports training with scientific back-up, nutritious diet, equipment for training, sports kit, insurance coverage, medical assistance, educational assistance and also competition exposure.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.